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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JOHN C. CLEARY ET. AL.

CASE NO.: SS3335USDIV2

APPLICATION NO.: 10/659569

CONFIRMATION NO.: 4685

GROUP ART UNIT: 3749

EXAMINER: KATHRYN S. O'MALLEY

FILED: SEPTEMBER 10, 2003

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING NONWOVEN WEBS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Introductory Comments**

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Applicants submit herewith a petition for a two (2) month extension of time, so as to extend the due date for response to February 9, 2005.

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